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Talala Public Works Authority receives \$88,679 loan from OWRB

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Talala Public Works Authority (Authority) received approval for a \$88,679 loan Tuesday from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) to improve the Authority's wastewater infrastructure. This request will be financed by a 100% principal forgiveness loan through the Oklahoma Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) along with \$29,559.75 in local funds.

The Authority has an increased capacity need of its wastewater treatment system. These loan proceeds will be utilized for the purchase of twenty (20) acres of land to be used for land application from its lagoon treatment system and the engineering required to assess the land and feasibility of the project. This purchase will allow the Authority's sanitary sewer system effluent to be treated and discharged more effectively.

Joe Freeman, chief of the OWRB's Financial Assistance Division, calculated that the Authority's customers will save an estimated \$137,900 compared to traditional financing.

The CWSRF program is administered by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board with partial funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The CWSRF program has provided approximately \$2.1 billion in water quality loans to provide communities the resources necessary to maintain and improve the infrastructure that protects our valuable water resources statewide.



Since 1983, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board has approved over \$5.8 billion in loans and grants for water and wastewater infrastructure improvements throughout Oklahoma.

"We are grateful to State Senator Julie Daniels and Representative Rusty Cornwell for their support of our financial assistance programs," said Julie Cunningham, Executive Director of the OWRB.

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